



Editorial

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Editor

Ophthalmology Special Issue

This Ophthalmology Special Issue and the following issue in October are other results of the enthusiasm of one very special Ophthalmologist, Robert Tuck Wong, MD.

Several years ago, Dr Wong suggested to our late editor, J.I. Frederick Reppun that an issue be dedicated to Ophthalmology. Once I gave the "go for it" to Dr Wong, he really did!—As he does with all of his activities. He enlisted the medical, surgical and writing talents of some of the very best Ophthalmologists in Hawaii.

There were so many excellent manuscripts collected by Dr Wong, that we have to publish them in two issues.

As a tribute to this very special man, we are reproducing the editorial, "the catalyst model" written by Fred Reppun in the July 1987 issue of the Journal.*See page 226 on this issue of the Journal.

Bob, Thank you for your efforts to establish our medical school and to keep it afloat via your lectureships and endowments.

Because of the efforts of Bob Wong, the University of Hawaii Foundations Robert T. Wong Lectureship now has a total market value of nearly \$400,000.

Many thanks Bob, for serving as Guest Editor for these Special Issues.

*Reppun, J.I. F. editorial: the catalyst model, HMJ Vol. 46, No. 7, 260 & 267 July 1987.

University of Hawaii Foundation Robert T. Wong, MD Lectureship

Lecturers

- **1985 - Dr Robert C. Gallo**, Laboratory of Tumor Cell Biology, National Cancer Institute; "Basic Aspects of HTLV-1 and HTLV-3 and Their Link to Alterations of T-Cell Growth."
- **1986 - Dr Allan M. Lansing**, Humana Heart Institute International; "The Mechanical Heart: Progress and Problems."
- **1987 - Dr Steven A. Rosenberg**, Chief of Surgery, National Cancer Institute; "Cancer Treatment with Activated Lymphocytes and Interleukin-2"
- **1989 - Dr Samuel Broder**, Director, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland; "AIDS: Clinical Perspective."
- **1991 - Dr Hilary Koprowski**, Director, Wistar Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; "Clone to Clinic: Conceptual Approaches to Immunotherapy."
- **1992 - Dr Robert Peter Gale**, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles; "Medical Care in the Soviet Union."
- **1993 - Dr Donald I. Abrams**, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of California, San Francisco; "AIDS: A View from the Frontline."

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Presidents Message

John S. Spangler MD

Please read your newsletter plus please register early for the annual meeting!

The annual American Medical Association meeting in Chicago was well attended and exciting. The results were well reported in the AMA news. I wish all could attend this meeting.

A major revision of our bylaws is now being discussed and will be finalized at our annual meeting. This is a time for all members to carefully consider the changes which will be outlined for you. Please read carefully all changes before the meeting so rapid resolution of the bylaws will be accomplished.

Remember that all our committee meetings except a few are open to all members. Please feel free to attend the Council meetings.



Medical School Hotline

Student Profile — Class of 2001 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine

Satoru Izutsu PhD
Associate Dean and
Chair, Admissions Committee

In August 1997, 27 women and 29 men began their four-year journey toward the MD degree. They are members of the 26th class to graduate from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and the 9th class to undertake their medical education in the "Problem Based-Learning (PBL)" format.

The Class of 2001 was selected from a total of 1228 applicants. Two hundred thirty-two, 189 in-state and 43 out-of-state, qualified to be interviewed. Forty-nine of the fifty-six medical students (MS1), whose average age is 23, come from Hawaii and 7 are non-residents (2 mainland states, 4 Guam and 1 from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas). Eight students are from the Imi Ho'ola Post-Baccalaureate Program which addresses diversity and those who are educationally, socially and economically disadvantaged.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine is the most ethnically diverse school in the nation. In this class, the following ancestries are represented: 15 Japanese, 9 Chinese, 7 Hawaiians, 6 Caucasians, 5 Filipino, 5 Koreans, 2 East Indian/Pakistani, 1 Chamorro, 1 Laotian, 1 other Asian, 1 Other Pacific Islander, 1 SE Asian/Non Vietnamese, 1 Thai and 1 Vietnamese.

Fourteen are graduates of Hawaii colleges (12-University of Hawaii and 1 each from Chaminade University and University of Hawaii, Hilo) and 42 are from mainland colleges which include

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University of California at Berkeley, Irvine, UCLA, and Santa Barbara, Universities of Washington, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Vermont and West Florida, Columbia University, Loyola Marymount University, Stanford University, Wellesley College, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Creighton University, Linfield College, Marquette University, Northwestern University, New York University, Occidental College, Pacific Lutheran University, Pomona College, Seattle Pacific University, Tufts University, Williams College, and Yale University.

All of the students have Baccalaureate degrees; eight have Masters degrees and one holds a Doctorate. Twenty are Biology Majors and there are two each in the following majors—Psychology, Civil Engineering, English, History, and Human Biology. Other undergraduate majors are—Zoology, Art, Biochemistry, Japanese Language and Literature, Biomedical Engineering, Business Administration, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Biological Science, Early Childhood Education, English, Public Health, Genetics, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Nutrition, Pre-Medicine, Psychobiology, Religion, Visual Arts, and Zoology.

The Admissions Committee is composed of ten volunteer members. Equal numbers of male and female members represent the clinical and basic sciences. One member is from the community-at-large. The major ethnic groups in Hawaii are represent, so too are a variety of age levels. The Committee meets from September through the middle of May.

The ranking of the 232 interviewed candidates was determined by the Admissions Committee through secret ballots. Considered in the rating by each committee member were the following: Hawaii residency status, academic scores (Grade Point Average and scores from

the Medical College Admissions Test-MCAT), interviews, essays that answer the questions, "Why medicine?" and "Why the John A. Burns School of Medicine?", letters of recommendation, and a biographical sketch and transcripts from the American College of Admission Service (AMCAS). In addition, credits are provided for clinical/health-related experiences (i.e. employment, community services, volunteerism and related research/graduate studies). Finally, the applicant is interviewed by the Chair of the Admissions Committee who is also the School's Associate Dean.

A comparison with the nationwide April, 1996 MCAT scores illustrates that JABSOM's first year students' scores are competitive with the national norms. The averages of all those who took the MCAT in 1996 were: Verbal Reasoning 8.0, Physical Sciences 8.3, and Biological Sciences 8.5. The incoming JABSOM students averaged 8.87 in Verbal Reasoning, 9.12 in Physical Science, and 9.88 in Biological Sciences. (note: the scores cited for JABSOM students are from the 1994, '95, and '96 test results since MCAT Scores are valid for a period of three years for admission purposes to JABSOM. However, the average scores each year do not vary significantly.)

Each student has been assigned a faculty advisor who is in close contact with him/her throughout the four years. Students are encouraged strongly to seek the assistance of their advisors.

The members of the class of 1997 are on their way to an exciting and humanitarian journey which will lead them to a lifetime of fulfillment. They have been selected in the best way we know to ensure that the community will be served by competent, well-trained physicians who are not only scientists but also masters in the art of comforting their fellow human beings.

Classified Notices

To place a classified notice:

HMA members.—Please send a signed and type-written ad to the HMA office. As a benefit of membership, HMA members may place a complimentary one-time classified ad in HMJ as space is available.

Nonmembers.—Please call 536-7702 for a non-member form. Rates are \$1.50 a word with a minimum of 20 words or \$30. Not commissionable. Payment must accompany written order.

Locum Tenens

Experienced Family Practice.—Office coverage including office surgical procedures (Board Certified), and available on regular basis or short notice. Maui only (808) 878-6119.

Take an Afternoon Off.—While your office stays open. Part-time primary care office coverage on a regular or occasional basis by longtime Honolulu physician. Contact John Wichmann-Walczak MD at 739-9483 or 524-2575.

For Sale

Equipment for sale.—Used Bone Densitometry Equipment. DXA - Hologic QDR 1000 (new x-ray tube) \$15,000, SXA - Osteoanalyzer 2000. \$9,000. Will assist with training and interpretation. Hawaii Osteoporosis Center 592-2626.

Practice for Sale

Cardiology Practice for Sale.—Fully equipped office including stress testing, echo and holter monitoring. c/o Century 59 Hoku St., Hilo, HI 96720.

Announcement

General Practice Opened.—In Kapahulu area by 20-year veteran of St. Francis ER. New patients welcomed; free pkg; convenient hrs; house calls (downtown Honolulu-Aina Haina). John Wichmann-Walczak MD at 750 Palani Ave., Honolulu 96816. 739-9483

Business Opportunity

Veteran Certified Petroleum Geologist.—Wishes to team up with oil and gas investment capital finder. Excellent remuneration. (614) 453-9231 or fax (614) 450-7507.

Misc.

Cars for Catholic Charities.—Give hope to a needy child or family by donating your car to Catholic Charities. Your donation is tax deductible at the fair market value. Call (808) 537-6321, Ext. 303 for more information.